

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the following paragraph of Specification page 1, lines 4-5, with the following replacement paragraph:

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This invention is related to U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/625,234, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,728,897 on April 27, 2004, entitled NEGOTIATING TAKE-OVER IN HIGH AVAILABILITY CLUSTER by Samuel M. Cramer, et al, filed July 25, 2000, which is hereby expressly incorporated herein by reference.

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